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5 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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8 IN RE: TFT-LCD (FLAT PANEL) ANTITRUST
9 LITIGATION

No. M 07-1827 SI

MDL. No. 1827

10 This Order Relates to:

11 ALL CASES
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**ORDER GRANTING UNITED STATES'
MOTION TO INTERVENE**

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14 On July 6, 2007, the United States filed a motion under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 24(b)
15 to intervene in this civil action for the purpose of limiting discovery until the conclusion of an ongoing
16 criminal grand jury investigation. Having reviewed the government's submission, the Court finds that
17 there is a "question of law or fact in common" between this civil multi-district litigation and a pending
18 criminal grand jury investigation. The Court further finds that the government has jurisdictional grounds
19 to intervene, and that the motion is timely. Upon inquiry by the Court at the July 10, 2007 initial status
20 conference, no party voiced any objection to the intervention motion, although some counsel expressed
21 concern about the scope and duration of any proposed discovery limitation.


22 Accordingly, the Court exercises its discretion and GRANTS the motion to intervene. (Docket
23 No. 187). The United States of America, through the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of
24 Justice, is permitted to intervene in this action for the purpose of seeking to limit discovery in this civil
25 action. The United States shall file its motion to limit discovery no later than **July 20, 2007**, and a
26 hearing on the motion is scheduled for **September 19, 2007** at 2:00 p.m. Briefing shall be in accordance
27 with the Civil Local Rules.

28 The parties and the Clerk of the Court are instructed to add the Antitrust Division of the U.S.

1 Department of Justice to the docket in this proceeding.

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3 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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5 Dated: July 10, 2007

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7 SUSAN ILLSTON
8 United States District Judge
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